

# House Study Bill 523

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EDUCATION BILL BY  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the board of directors of a school district to  
2 adopt a parent and guardian involvement policy.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 5589YC 81  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 279.63 PARENT AND GUARDIAN  
1 2 INVOLVEMENT POLICY.  
1 3 1. The board of directors of each school district shall  
1 4 adopt a parent and guardian involvement policy that meets, at  
1 5 a minimum, the following criteria:  
1 6 a. Ensures that communication between home and school is  
1 7 regular, two-way, and meaningful.  
1 8 b. Promotes and supports parenting skills.  
1 9 c. Recognizes and supports the integral role parents and  
1 10 guardians play in assisting student learning.  
1 11 d. Welcomes parents and guardians in school and seeks  
1 12 their support and assistance.  
1 13 e. Makes parents and guardians full partners in the  
1 14 decisions that affect children and families.  
1 15 f. Utilizes community collaborations productively and  
1 16 community resources prolifically to strengthen schools,  
1 17 families, and student learning.  
1 18 2. The policy adopted pursuant to subsection 1 shall be  
1 19 published in the student handbook and, if the school district  
1 20 or its attendance centers maintain a website, on the school  
1 21 district or attendance center website.

### EXPLANATION

1 22 This bill requires the board of directors of each school  
1 23 district to adopt a parent and guardian involvement policy  
1 24 that, at a minimum, does all of the following: ensures that  
1 25 communication between home and school is regular, two-way, and  
1 26 meaningful; promotes and supports parenting skills; recognizes  
1 27 and supports the integral role parents and guardians play in  
1 28 assisting student learning; welcomes parents and guardians in  
1 29 school and seeks their support and assistance; makes parents  
1 30 and guardians full partners in the decisions that affect  
1 31 children and families; and utilizes community collaborations  
1 32 productively and community resources prolifically to  
1 33 strengthen schools, families, and student learning. The  
1 34 school district must publish the policy in the student  
2 1 handbook and on websites maintained by the school district or  
2 2 its attendance centers.  
2 3 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
2 4 section 25B.3.  
2 5 LSB 5589YC 81  
2 6 kh:nh/je/5.1